GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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UPGRADATION OF SMALL AIRPORTS
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal is under consideration of the Union Government to upgrade small airports in the country;

(b) if so, the names of such airports identified for the same, estimated cost thereof, State-wise; and

(c) the time by which the above airports are likely to be upgraded?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION(SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c) Airports Authority of India (AAI) proposes to upgrade some of its non-operational small airports in the country, subject to availability of land from the concerned State Governments free of cost and encumbrances.Upgradation work has been taken up by AAI at Mysore in Karnataka at an estimated cost of Rs. 69.29 Crores, Warangal and Cuddapah in Andhra Pradesh, by signing of MOUs; Passighat, Tezu, Along, Daparizo and Zero in Arunachal Pradesh Kailasahar and Kamalpur in Tripura; Tura in Meghalaya,Akola,Baramati and Gondia in Maharashtra;Surat in Gujarat; Jharsuguda in Orissa; and Malda and Behala in West Bengal. These projects are at various stages of initiation/ completion. As such it is not possible to indicate a definite time frame for completion at this stage. Further, AAI have selected following small/non-metro airports for development / upgradation in the 11th Five Year Plan at an estimated cost of Rs.6443 crores and likely completion in 2010: Ajmer, Jaipur, Jaisalmer, Mount Abu and Udaipur in Rajasthan; Chandigarh in Chandigarh Union Territory; Dehradun, Pantnagar in Uttarakhand; Jammu, Srinagar and Leh in Jammu & Kashmir; Khajuraho, Bhopal and Indore in Madhya Pradesh; Kullu in Himachal Pradesh; Lucknow and Varanasi in Uttar Pradesh; Ludhiana in Punjab; Bhubaneswar and Jharsuguda in Orissa; Cooch Behar and Malda in West Bengal;Muzaffarpur and Gaya in Bihar; Port Blair in Andaman &Nicobar; Ranchi in Jharkhand; Agartala in Tripura; Guwahati,Dibrugarh, Jorhat and Silchar in Assam; Barapani (Shillong) in Meghalaya; Imphal in Manipur; Itanagar and Passighat in Arunachal Pradesh; Pakyong in Sikkim; Kohima in Nagaland; Ahmedabad, Bhavnagar, Jamnagar, Rajkot and Vadodara in Gujarat; Akola, Aurangabad, Baramati, Gondia, Nagpur(through Joint Venture route) and Pune in Maharashtra;Belgaum, Hassan, Hubli, Mangalore and Mysore in Karnataka; Goa in Goa; Agatti in Lakshadweep Islands, Calicut and Trivandrum in Kerala; Coimbatore, Madurai, Trichy and Tuticorin in Tamil Nadu; Cudappah, Rajahmundry, Vijayawada, Vishakhapatnam and Tirupati in Andhra Pradesh; and Pondicherry in Pondicherry respectively.